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Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

The Potato Growers of Michigan, Inc. (PGMI) was created in 1991 as an informational outreach resource to decision makers in the legislature and the Michigan Department of Agriculture. Since the FCC is currently considering a telecommunications merger (WT 11-65) which will affect our growers, we wish to reach out to you as well to express our opinion on this important matter.

We believe AT&T's acquisition of T-Mobile could be a very positive development for potato growers and citizens in Michigan and across the country. Thanks to congruent networks and billions of dollars these companies plan to invest, the deal will produce tens of thousands of new jobs, including direct employment, suppliers, and jobs created from new economic activity supported by expanded LTE communications networks.

Within our own industry, the importance of mobile broadband technology in supporting modern agriculture cannot be overstated. We are realizing new efficiencies all the time that are allowing us to compete on a whole new level. Mobility is quickly becoming the key; Michigan growers in the field who use new wireless technology are keeping pace with a fast-moving global economy and creating local jobs.

But the reality is we need wireless providers with the resources and commitment to reach the millions of square miles of underserved, rural areas with reliable high-speed service.

It's hard to see how that can be done without telecoms growing significantly, and this merger is likely just the first move to address that need. With the expected spectrum crunch and consumer demand for wireless data that will increase tenfold in the next few years alone, the FCC surely recognizes the need for the industry to continuing evolving through mergers and acquisitions and other free market solutions.

Michigan should seize all opportunities to expand high-speed Internet in rural areas that are too often left behind. High-speed Internet is essential in today's economy, and it should be a priority in our efforts to strengthen the economy for all Michiganders. We hope the FCC shares this view and will take it into great consideration as it decides the fate of the merger application by AT&T and T-Mobile.

With Appreciation,

Ben Kuwda
Legislative Director